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RUSSELL VIETNAM COMMENTS

MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN 0500 12 JAN 65 L

(TEXT) NEW YORK--"WE SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO WIN THE WAR UNTIL THERE IS A STABLE CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM." WITH THESE WORDS, INFLUENTIAL SENATOR RICHARD RUSSELL CONCLUDED THE THREE-HOUR SECRET MEETING OF THE U.S. CONGRESS DEVOTED TO THIS QUESTION.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM WAS THE MAIN POLITICAL SUBJECT UNDER DISCUSSION ON 4 JANUARY IN THE CAPITOL. AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING A SPEECH WAS DELIVERED BY CIA HEAD JOHN MCCONE, WHO PROMISED THE URGENT ASSISTANCE OF THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO ACHIEVE UNITY AND STABILITY IN THIS COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO NEWS AGENCIES, THE PESSIMISTIC MOOD BECAME SO STRONG AFTER THIS MEETING THAT A DECISION WAS ADOPTED TO CONTINUE THE DEBATE ON PLANS FOR U.S. AID TO THE SAIGON REGIME.

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MOSCOW TASS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH 0713 12 JAN 65 L

(TEXT) WASHINGTON--THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO RENDER MORE AID TO THE SAIGON PUPPET REGIME FOR STEPPING UP THE WAR AGAINST THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PATRIOTS. WASHINGTON PLEDGED TO ALLOCATE FRESH FUNDS FOR THE "DIRTY WAR" LATE LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, AFTER ANOTHER MILITARY PUTSCH BY THE SAIGON GENERALS THREE WEEKS AGO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED THE TALKS ON EXTENDING ASSISTANCE. YESTERDAY THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN TOLD CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE TALKS ON U.S. AID WOULD BE RESUMED SINCE STABILITY AND UNITY WERE GROWING IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

HOWEVER, WASHINGTON'S POLITICAL AND JOURNALISTIC CIRCLES ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE EVER CLEARER THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH U.S. AID TO SAIGON IS STEPPED UP, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SECURE GROWING STABILITY AND UNITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

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